

## **South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities Minutes of Meeting – January 26, 2006**

The SD Council on Developmental Disabilities met on January 26, 2006 at the Holiday Inn Express in Ft. Pierre, SD.

### **Members Present**

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| Travis Arneson  | David Nissen        |
| Deborah Bouchie | Wanda Seiler        |
| Vikki Day       | Georgene Short Bull |
| Jason Harris    | Judy Struck         |
| Dillon Haug     | Kayla Tinker        |
| Robert Kean     | Isabel Trobaugh     |
| Ann Larsen      | Lex Werdel          |
| Brooke Lusk     | Ted Williams        |
| Michael McRoden | Valary Wysuph       |
| Pat Monson      |                     |

### **Others Present**

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| Melissa Bierle  | Karen Red Ear Horse |
| Beth Henrichsen | Pat Schaefer        |
| Arlene Poncelet |                     |

### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Chairperson David Nissen called the meeting to order and read the mission statement. Introductions were completed following the Director's Report.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & MINUTES**

The agenda was unanimously approved.

The minutes from the September 29 & 30 meeting were unanimously approved with one change: Travis Arneson asked that the minutes reflect that he voted against the proposal entitled

“Self-Directed Career Enhancement Project SCEP” submitted by Volunteers of America.

Motion by Deborah Bouchie, seconded by Isabel Trobaugh to ratify the following actions taken by the Executive Committee:

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- Approval of \$2,871 of federal funds for Autism Training for Huron Area Center for Independence.
- Approval of an additional \$2,500 (total of \$17,948) of federal funds for Planning for Your Life for Black Hills Special Services Cooperative.
- Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) accepted the changes to the budget for the “Mobilizing for Self Advocacy in South Dakota” (\$44,690 of federal funds)
- Approval of \$3,300 of federal funding for Living Well for Ability Building Services.

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- Approval of an additional \$2,000 of federal funds for Autism Training for Huron Area Center for Independence. This brings the total amount to \$4,871.
- Denial of \$4,321 of federal funds for “Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Training” proposal from Of the Trade Evaluative and Educational Services.
- Approval of \$3,627 of federal funds for Regional Workshop 2006 for People First of Southeastern South Dakota.
- Approval of \$3,208 of federal funds for “Music for All Children: A Developmental Exploration” proposal from Music Therapy Services of SD. However, this requires clarification that the majority of people served will have developmental disabilities.
- Denial of \$2,829 of federal funds for “LifeTown” proposal from Children’s Care Hospital & School.

- Approved donations less than \$500: play equipment for the waiting room at Central SD Child Assessment Center; purchase of shirts for a fundraiser for the Dare to Dream Conference to the SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities.

This motion was passed unanimously.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Designated State Agency (DSA) Review Committee recommended no changes. Minor comments were added to three sections. A final draft will be sent to committee members and the final report provided to all Council members.
- Follow-up Meetings-Alliance for Full Participation Summit. The original meetings were postponed due to weather. These will be rescheduled for February or March.
- The Annual Report was submitted in January 2006. Arlene distributed a copy for Council members to review.
- Arlene distributed various correspondence received by the Council.
- Arlene distributed a copy of the draft Monitoring & Technical Assistance Review and Site Visit (MTARS) report. Comments will be submitted to the Administration on Developmental Disabilities on Monday. No timeline for when the final report will be received.

### BUDGET UPDATE

The Council received the final allocation for FFY 2006, which is \$457,115 (\$1,499 less than FFY 2005). There is approximately \$287,600 of federal funds available from FFY05 and \$350,000 of federal funds available from FFY2006.

### 2007-2011 STATE PLAN

The State Plan is due August 15, 2006. An update on state agencies will need to be included in this report. Arlene plans to

distribute surveys to groups around the state, such as DD Council members, SD Advocacy Services, Center for Disabilities, grantees and Partners participants. Public input will be needed for this report. The question was asked if a survey could be posted on the website. This is a possibility.

The DD Network Retreat is still being discussed. A meeting was held and Jim Kellar will be contacted to act as facilitator. Tentatively the retreat will be planned for the summer of 2007.

The Council discussed changes to the Mission Statement and Statement of Principles. The re-written version follows:

### *MISSION STATEMENT*

To assist people with developmental disabilities to control their own destiny and to achieve the quality of life they desire.

### *STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES*

All people with developmental disabilities have the right to self-determination and the opportunity to make informed choices.

People with developmental disabilities and their families have strengths and personal goals that are recognized, supported and encouraged.

All people with developmental disabilities have full and timely access to opportunities and supports to be included in community life, have relationships, live in homes of their choice and make contributions to their families, community, state and nation.

People with developmental disabilities live free of exploitation and violations of their legal and human rights.

Life for people with developmental disabilities is enhanced when families and communities are provided information, services, supports and other assistance.

People with developmental disabilities receive services and supports in an efficient, coordinated and timely manner that respects dignity and diversity.

### *IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT*

In order to create an environment in which people with developmental disabilities direct their own lives and participate in the community as stated in the Statement of Principles, the Council will:

- advocate and support systems change;
- provide information, education, planning;
- monitor legislation, state plans and policies;
- promote and support best practices; and
- promote partnerships among people with developmental disabilities, their families, coalitions, state agencies and service providers.

*FEDERAL AREAS OF EMPHASIS* include quality assurance, education and early intervention, childcare, health, employment, housing, transportation, recreation, and other services available or offered to individuals in a community, including formal and informal community supports, that affect quality of life.

## GRANT APPLICATION – YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM 2006 – BLACK HILLS SPECIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE

Betsy Valnes and Robert Robbennolt presented to the group. Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) is a five-day event that brings together students with disabilities to explore personal leadership and career plans, provides students the opportunity to be in the midst of their peers, encourages youth not to put unnecessary limits on their academic and career goals, provides specific training programs on leadership development, self-determination and career preparation and assists young people to become aware that they have both a right and a civic responsibility to secure the highest form of employment for which they are qualified.

The location has been moved from Vermillion to Sioux Falls for 2006. 58 applications have been received for the 36 available slots. There have been 187 graduates since 1999 and about 75% of participants go on to post secondary schools. Jason Harris asked if they would involve the press this year, since it is being held in Sioux Falls. They do plan to try to get the media involved.

Travis Arneson moved, seconded by Ted Williams to approve \$10,000 of federal funds for the proposal entitled “Youth Leadership Forum 2006.” Brooke Lusk, Ann Larsen, and Judy Struck abstained. Motion carried.

## GRANT APPLICATION – PROVIDING INFORMATION & RESOURCES TO SOUTH DAKOTA – CENTER FOR DISABILITIES

Judy Struck presented to the group. The goal of this project is to provide developmental disabilities awareness, information and resources to people in South Dakota and maintain the Center for Disabilities information and resource collection. By tracking the distribution areas of requests, the Center for Disabilities knows that they disseminate information all around the world. The

question was asked if this information is available on the reservations. It is all available by phone or via the internet, and the Center has displays at various conferences and gatherings.

Ted Williams moved, seconded by Brooke Lusk to approve \$12,500 of federal funds for the proposal entitled "Providing Information & Resources to South Dakota." Motion carried.

GRANT APPLICATION – NATIVE AMERICAN DISABILITY  
SUMMIT 2006 – NATIVE AMERICAN ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Marla Bull Bear presented to the Council via teleconference. The purpose of the Summit is to provide an opportunity to share information about services to individuals with disabilities; opportunities for leaders of tribal nations, state agencies and various nonprofit groups and service providers to discuss ways to improve access and service delivery; and offer information about various issues relevant to Native Americans with disabilities in South Dakota.

This year, they are hoping to have more attendees and the goal is that 50% of them have disabilities; last year about 15% had disabilities. Questions were asked as to how well tribal leaders are represented. Marla stated that they have not been well represented in the past. This year they are hoping for better representation, as they are using a different approach for the Summit. The Council would like to see a performance indicator for tribal leader participation. A suggestion was made that organizers try to have child care/activities set up for families with children.

Travis Arneson moved, seconded by Vikki Day to approve \$6,000 of federal funding for the proposal entitled "Native American Disability Summit 2006." Judy Struck abstained. Motion carried.

### GRANT APPLICATION – DARE TO DREAM – SD PARENT CONNECTION

Shelly Pfaff with SD Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities presented to the group. The Dare to Dream conference offers participants educational sessions through keynote speakers, breakout sessions and exhibits. 126 adults and 64 teens attended in 2004. Building Dreams will be having a fund raiser on February 24, 2006 to raise funds for the conference. Shirts are also being sold with the Dare to Dream logo on them.

Travis Arneson moved, seconded by Lex Werdel to approve \$12,500 of federal funds for the proposal entitled “Dare to Dream Conference.” Motion carried.

### GRANT APPLICATION – ADA RESOURCE DIRECTORY-REVISION & DISSEMINATION – SD COALITION OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

Shelly Pfaff presented to the group. The goals of this proposal are to complete a revision of the SD ADA Resource Directory and to disseminate the revised Directory statewide. Some entities are being added to the directory such as parks & recreation departments. This document is disseminated mostly to businesses and to people with disabilities. The Council suggested having an advertising page for the for-profit businesses to advertise their products.

Isable Trobaugh moved, seconded by Robert Kean to approve \$15,583.45 of federal funds for the proposal entitled “SD ADA Resource Director-Revision and Dissemination.” Motion carried.

### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Robert Kean spoke to the group and gave updates regarding the current legislative session. The DHS budget presentation went very smoothly this year. He discussed bills related to education, taxation, voting, unemployment insurance, minimum wage, sex



offenders, abortion, state fair, pay day loans, building codes, fishing with crossbows, Medicaid/state health plans. Wanda Seiler discussed appropriations, adding that there was concern expressed by Appropriations Committee members that with shrinking federal dollars, agencies would be looking for general fund dollars to replace the lost federal funds.

### REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

The Group discussed issuing requests for funding in the following areas: Dental, Employment, Training for Direct Support Staff and College of Direct Support Year 3. Wanda moved, seconded by Valary Wysuph to approve these requests. Motion carried.

The group discussed issuing a request for funding for Building Capacity & Creating Systems Change within Community Service Providers. Wanda shared some of the initiatives that are being looked at by the Core Stakeholders Committee and the Division. The initiatives would make it possible for people receiving services to choose their own service coordinator who works for the family instead of the adjustment training center. Michael Smull presented an overview of the “Good to Great” training that his firm provides that empowers direct care staff. Wanda asked that the Council consider making the Request for Funding non-competitive.

Robert Kean moved, seconded by Vikki Day to issue a non competitive Request for Funding for up to \$125,000 of federal funds to the Division of Developmental Disabilities. Motion carried. Wanda Seiler abstained.

**RECREATION PROPOSAL – Hot Springs Butler Park Playground**  
In September of 2004, the Council received a proposal, in response to a Request for Funding, for assistance with the purchase of adaptive playground equipment at a 50% match rate. At that time, the Council recommended that once the playground

equipment was actually planned for purchase and set-up, that the City should contact the Council regarding assistance with the adaptive equipment. Arlene has received phone calls and a brief request for assistance from the Hot Springs Park & Recreation Committee.

Arlene has requested additional detailed information regarding the cost of the adaptive equipment. Council members also asked that we be sure that without Council funding, the adaptive components would not be purchased with other funds. There are concerns regarding the precedence this assistance would set and a concern about future requests.

Robert Kean moved seconded by Isabel Trobaugh to allow the Executive Committee to approve up to \$8,000 of federal funds for this proposal. After discussion, Robert withdrew his motion.

Michael McRoden moved, seconded by Robert Kean to allow the Executive Committee to approve up to \$8,000 of federal funds for this project if the concerns expressed were addressed. Motion carried.

#### NEXT MEETING DATE & PLACE

The Council reviewed dates but did not set a date at this time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm on January 26, 2006.